

TOWER ROBBERIES RUN TO EARTH

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WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24.—Two men were arrested near Chester, Pa., early to-day, and the police and the telegraph operator say they are the desperadoes who attempted to rob the operator in the lonely tower on the Maryland division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Linwood, and escaped after an exciting chase in which many shots were fired. It is also believed that these men are the ones who accomplished so many similar robberies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The operator and the track-walker positively identify the two men under arrest as their assailants.

The robbers selected one of the lone towers on the line for their work. They were concealed on the first floor when a track-walker went in to see if the operator was all right. They evidently thought they were discovered and beat they set upon the watchman and for him.

The man struggled to free himself, and the sound of the scuffle attracted A. C. Coslett, the operator. He ran down the stairs with his revolver in his hand, but the robbers put the track-walker in front of them and backed away.

As the track-walker wrenched himself free the robbers started to run. Coslett emptied his revolver, and the robbers drew their weapons and returned the fire as they ran. The bullets whistled close to the heads of the railroad men and were embedded in the wooden sides of the tower.

The operator reloaded his revolver and handed it to the watchman, who started down the tracks after the robbers. Coslett went back into the tower and telegraphed word here. The watchman called for help and a dozen Italian laborers, who were asleep in a bunk-house, ran out.

All were armed and they fired volley after volley in the direction of the robbers. Owing to the darkness none took effect, and after a long chase the men disappeared in the country.

Detectives and deputies were hurried on board the Colonial Express, which was about to leave Wilmington, and they soon arrived at the scene of the encounter. Others went to Linwood and other points along the road, where word was telegraphed to the police at Chester.

Several hours later two men were found hiding in a barn near Chester and arrested. They gave their names as "Abe" Thompson and Lawrence Spodrun. They were taken on a train to the tower, where they were identified by the operator and the track-walker.

A few minutes before the attempted robbery the operator had much difficulty with one of the laborers, and it is thought the robbers had tampered with it. An accommodation train was due at the tower a few minutes after the encounter, and it is thought the robbers planned to hold up the passengers.

GIRL HEIRESS IS A FIRE HEROINE

Luckily Fights Flames That Threatened the Complete Destruction of Tower and the Family Home.

DERBY, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Elise Farrel, a daughter of Franklin Farrel, a multi-millionaire manufacturer and mine-owner, of Ansonia, has another remarkable feat to her credit. To-day she has a pair of blistered and bruised hands and other painful injuries, which she received last night in preventing fire from destroying Tower Hill, the family home.

A candle coming in contact with a curtain in a servant's room started the blaze, and it was soon beyond control. Miss Farrel, who is an athletic young person, was driven downstairs by smoke when she attempted to reach the fire.

Instantly forming another plan she forced the curtain to sound an alarm, and while he was on that errand she procured a ladder and ascended to the roof, through which the flames were now pouring.

Under her orders her brother-in-law, Judge George C. Bryant, and Deputy United States Marshal E. L. Parmelee formed themselves into a bucket brigade and pumped water to the plucky young woman. Despite Miss Farrel's her when the fire department reached the house, and it was half an hour before the flames were subdued.

Although Miss Farrel is worth \$2,000,000 in her own right and will inherit \$5,000,000, she is unlike others of wealth, as she is determined about four years ago she withdrew from society and became a stenographer in her father's family office, having fitted herself for the work in a business school. At that time her brother was working in the laundry for \$1 a week and carrying his lunch in a tin pail as if he had been the humblest workman in a father's employ.

WALKED TOO MUCH IN JAIL. WESTFIELD, N. J., Dec. 24.—Thomas Tobin and Charles Hann, both under twenty years of age, are in cells here to-day charged with burglary as the result of talking too much. They went to New York and met a young fellow to whom they told the story of their exploits. He learned there was a reward out for their arrest and notified the police. After they had been arrested on a charge of burglary two additional charges of highway robbery were made against them.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR SAILOR HERO

Fred Cushing, Who Served on the Olympia with Dewey at Manila, Sent to Sing Sing for Wife Murder.

EXPECTED THAT PENALTY WOULD BE MUCH LIGHTER.

He Had Married a Woman He Met in the Bowery and Killed Her After Returning from a Cruise.

Fred Cushing, a hero of the battle of Manila, who served with Admiral Dewey on the cruiser Olympia, was taken to Sing Sing prison this afternoon. He will spend the rest of his life in prison for the murder of his wife, Annie.

Standing before Justice Davy, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, Cushing looked anything but a murderer. He is a clean-cut, athletic-looking man of twenty-seven. He has a frank, open countenance. All through his trial he made no denial that he had shot his wife to death at her home, No. 179 Ludlow street, on July 21 last. His defense was that the shooting was justified; that he was half-crazed when he killed her, because she had been unfaithful to him.

Cushing married the woman after a long cruise. She was a woman of the

bowery when he met her, but it was his belief that he could reform her. Returning home last July, he found that she had gone back to the old life, and, maddened by her treatment of him, he shot her to death.

When Cushing was brought up for sentence to-day it was evident that he did not expect the full sentence of life imprisonment. He believed that his past record in the navy and the fact that this is Christmas Eve would make his sentence lenient. In this, however, he was mistaken.

Justice Davy looked the man over and then sentenced him to life in prison. Cushing's face twitched, his body trembled. He bowed his head and was led from the court-room.

"This is a splendid Christmas present," he said as the prison doors closed behind him.

Hardly had Cushing been sentenced when Patrick Quinn, of No. 179 Amsterdam avenue, who killed James Dunn, of No. 107 West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, was brought in for sentence. The murder occurred in a stable at No. 174 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street during a fight on Oct. 2 last. Quinn was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Quinn also expected leniency from the Justice. He believed that the fact it was Christmas Eve would temper the Justice's decision with mercy. "I sentence you to seven years in Sing Sing prison," said the Justice. The sentence almost sent Quinn off his feet. He was weak and pale when he was led from the court-room.

"I, too, have a Christmas present I will never forget," he said.

NEW \$800,000 HOTEL. Plans Filed for Structure in East Twenty-seventh Street.

Plans have been filed with Building Superintendent Thompson for a new twelve-story fireproof hotel to be erected opposite the site of the proposed new Brunswick Hotel at Nos. 12 to 14 East Twenty-seventh street, for C. F. Rogers, of this city, as owner.

The structure is to run through the block to Nos. 11 to 17 East Twenty-eighth street, and will have facades of brick, terra cotta and limestone. The frontage on Twenty-seventh street will be seventy-five feet and on Twenty-eighth street fifty feet. The cost is estimated at \$800,000. The architect is Augustus N. Allen.

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Saypol waived examination. Having no bondman, he was sent to jail.

ALLEGED FIREBUG HELD IN BIG BAIL

James Anderson Is Charged in Court by the Police with Attempting to Burn a House in West Thirtieth Street.

James Anderson, living in a lodging-house at Twenty-third street and First avenue, was arraigned to-day in the Jefferson Market Court. He was arrested last night on West Thirtieth street on suspicion of having some connection with the fire in the cellar at No. 115 West Thirtieth street.

Policeman Kelleher appeared against him and said that he made the arrest at the instance of George Hartley, of No. 34 Renwick street, Brooklyn. Renwick told Kelleher that Anderson had borrowed matches from him a short time before. One of the suspicious incidents of the fire was that matches were found strewn about the cellar where the fire occurred.

Deputy Fire Marshal Murphy requested the Magistrate to hold the prisoner until Fire Marshal Priel had completed his examination of the case. Magistrate Flammie then held Anderson for further examination and placed the bail at \$100.

BOY A TROLLEY VICTIM. Caught in Crash While "Catching On" to Wagon—Died of Injuries.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Samuel Engle, nine years old, of No. 43 Clinton street, died in St. Joseph's Hospital to-day from the effects of injuries received by being run down by a trolley car.

The boy was trying to "catch on" a grocer's wagon which was running on the track, when a trolley car smashed into the wagon. The boy fell under the car.

FOOTPRINTS DON'T PROVE THE CRIME

Magistrate Mayo Not Satisfied When a Sheet Bearing the Telltale Mark Is Shown to Him in Police Court.

Hans Matsen, who was a detective in Denmark before he started a coal and ice business in the cellar of No. 1483 Second avenue, reported to the police a month ago that thieves had stolen his overcoat and a watch from his room at No. 1483 Second avenue.

Not satisfied by the work of the American sleuths, Matsen, being himself a detective of some reputation, to-day exhibited to Magistrate Mayo in the Yorkville Court his bedsheet, on which he pointed out what he said was the imprint of a woman's foot.

"The woman who stepped there," he said, "is the woman who stole my goods. She stepped on the bed to reach my overcoat."

"But that's big enough to be the imprint of three feet," said the Magistrate.

"I know, but the woman I want arrested is the biggest woman on the block. Her foot is just that size. I have measured it."

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KARL MINER HAS CLERK ARRESTED

Assistant District-Attorney Discovers on "L" Train William Nichols, Wanted on Charge of Subornation of Perjury.

As Deputy Assistant District-Attorney Karl Miner was about to board a south-bound "L" train at the Eighth avenue station at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to-day he noticed William Nichols, thirty-nine years old, of No. 880 Mott avenue, a law clerk, whom Mr. Miner alleges the District-Attorney has been looking for for some time, on a charge of subornation of perjury in connection with a straw hat case.

Miner told Nichols he wanted him to go to the station-house with him, and Nichols refused and boarded a train, followed by Miner. At One Hundred and Forty-fifth street at Nichols left the train and went to the street, still followed by Miner, who called Patrolman Minogous and had him arrested.

When Nichols was arraigned before Magistrate Zeller in the Harlem Court Mr. Miner explained the case and asked that it be transferred to the Tombs Court, where the witnesses were. Magistrate Zeller complied with the request.

According to Mr. Miner, the case is that of Leahy against David Two. The men, implicated, Mr. Miner said, with Nichols are Alfred Storkis, who is now serving a sentence in Sing Sing, and Peter Shortell, who died about six weeks ago, awaiting the trial of the case.

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SATURDAY AT THE BIG STORE

WILL BE AN EXTRAORDINARY DAY

Out With a Rush Must Go All the Remaining Christmas Goods. Also Exceptionally Remarkable Bargains in Staple Lines for Saturday.

To-night brings to a close the greatest Christmas business in the history of the Siegel Cooper Store. All previous seasons were wholly overshadowed. Tremendous stocks were necessary, of course, to meet such enormous demands. Thousands of shoppers flocked to The Big Store from all quarters and bought with a lavishness and eagerness never before duplicated. Naturally such a vast demand has left in its wake many very desirable articles which may now be had at the most insignificant of little prices. In some instances the prices scheduled for Saturday are less than half the actual cost of the articles.

There Are Mazes of Bargains in Toys. Prices Have Been Reduced ½.

In Books, Leather Goods, Fancy Lines, Novelties, Jewelry, and in an immense variety of other things not to be tersely classified there are Hosts of the Most Extraordinary Bargains That Can Be Imagined.

Saturday has been set apart as the great Clearance Day. No effort is to be spared to offer you the most astonishing inducements. The crowds who usually flock here the day after Christmas will be more than delighted The reductions are probably the most decisive on record. In the staple lines there will be also many fine opportunities, and those who obtained money yesterday as Christmas presents will unquestionably be delighted with the prospects. Many persons are long-headed enough at such a season to buy for next Christmas. Those Who Go to the Siegel Cooper Store Saturday Will Reap a Rare Harvest.

Double "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps Saturday Morning from 8.30 Until 12 o'Clock. After that hour and until store closing the regular number of stamps will be given.

Writing Paper. Underpriced One-half. BOX PAPER; one, two and three quires; excellent paper; white and assorted tints; boxes slightly soiled; at 8c, 12c, 17c and Higher priced Boxes reduced ½ below mfr's prices. Also many odds and ends at very special reductions. (Third Floor, Centre.)

Upholsteries. \$1.00 3-FOLD SCREENS. Filled with silkline, floral designs. \$1.50 TO \$2.00 SILK TOP PILLOWS. Very small lot, light colors. 50c. PILLOW TOPS. Heavy woven tapestry or satine, with representations of fables or athletic subjects. (Third Floor, Front, 18th St.)

Fine Table Cutlery. CARVING KNIFE AND GUARD FORKS; stag handles. Fine quality steel. 1.65 CARVING SETS; knife, fork and steel; stag handles; sterling silver ferrules. In fancy lined case. 3.95 STEEL DINNER KNIVES AND FORKS, black handles; 12 pieces, regularly \$8.00 and \$8.50. 2.00 HIGHER PRICED CASES, with manicure fittings, regularly \$4.00 and \$5.00. 3.00 (Main Floor, Centre, 18th St.)

Diamonds and Solid Gold Jewelry at Astounding Prices. DIAMOND JEWELRY. DIAMONDS—WOMEN'S SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RINGS; fine cut stones; in 14-kt. Becher set. 10.00 DIAMONDS—WOMEN'S SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RINGS; fine cut stones; Tiffany mounting. 25.00 DIAMONDS—SOLID GOLD CUFF BUTTONS, with fine cut diamonds; Roman or bright finish. 6.00 DIAMONDS—SOLID GOLD TIE CLASPS, diamond set; Roman finish. 6.00 Solid Gold Jewelry. SOLID GOLD LOCKETS; round or heart shape; fancy engraved art. 12.00 SOLID GOLD SCARF PINS, with fine cut diamonds, Roman finish. 6.00 SOLID GOLD BROOCHES; all new cut stones; set with doublets and pearls. 6.75 SOLID GOLD BROOCHES, with emerald, or sapphire, or garnet, or opals or turquoise, doublets with pearls. 4.25 SOLID GOLD BROOCHES, plain and fancy designs in fancy combina- 2.75 Solid settings of doublets and pearls. SOLID GOLD CUFF BUTTONS, plain and fancy designs, Roman and bright finish. 2.50 SOLID GOLD SCARF PINS, all new fancy designs, set with doublets and pearls. 2.00 SOLID GOLD TIE CLASPS, plain or engraved, Roman or bright finish. 1.25 SOLID GOLD RINGS; for women or men; fancy settings of garnets, or emeralds, or sapphires, or opals, or turquoise doublets with pearls. 2.00 SOLID GOLD SIGNET RINGS for men or boys; fancy engraved. 1.50 SOLID GOLD BABY RINGS; plain engraved and stone set. 50c. SOLID GOLD LOCKETS; round or heart shape; Roman finish. 4.00

Watches. MEN'S 16 SIZE OPEN-FACE 20-YEAR WATCHELLED WATCHES; engine-turned case; fitted with a 7-jewel Waltham movement; stem wind and set. 9.50 MEN'S 16 SIZE OPEN-FACE STERLING SILVER WATCHES; assorted colors; gold thial; with pin to match; fitted with a fine Swiss movement. 7.50 MEN'S 16 SIZE OPEN-FACE STERLING SILVER WATCHES; assorted colors; with pin to match; fitted with a fine American movement. 1.75 WOMEN'S ENAMELLED CHATELAINE WATCHES; hand engraved cases; the Swiss movement. 6.00 WOMEN'S ENAMELLED CHATELAINE WATCHES; hand engraved cases; the Swiss movement. 4.75 WOMEN'S STERLING SILVER CHATELAINE WATCHES; hand engraved cases; the Swiss movement. 2.25 (Main Floor, Front, 18th St.)

Broken Assortments from the Great Christmas Rush to Be Disposed Of. RUSSIAN OVERCOATS for little Boys, 2½ to 8 years. Oxford, olive and navy fabrics; velvet collars. Choice at \$2.00 BOYS' LONG OVERCOATS, sizes 7 to 15 years; Oxford, Cambridge and gray mixtures; velvet collar. \$2.00 BOYS' GUARANTEED RUBBER COATS; fine quality, dull finish gum; fancy back; sizes 0 to 6 (6 to 16 years.) (Second Floor, East, 18th St.)